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SUDDENLY, ON AN OTHERWISE NORMAL DAY...
HEY, SHINTANI! DID SHUICHI GO TO THE GYM ALREADY?
HUH?
Don't you "huh?" me.
I ASKED YOU IF SHUICHI WENT TO THE GYM ALREADY!!
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, HIROMU?
WHO'S SHUICHI?

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I WONDER IF THEY HAD A FIGHT OR SOMETHING.
SHOOP
DAMMIT, THAT WAS A FLUKE! A LUCKY SHOT!!
Hey!
Wow!
Wow!
Yeah! Nice shot!
HEY! I DEMAND A REMATCH! WAIT! COME BACK!!
MAYBE, BUT WHINING IS SO IMMATURE!

OVER HERE, EVERYONE. I'M TAKING ROLL!
YAMAMOTO.
HERE.
SAWADA.
PRESENT.
KAWANO.
'SUP.
ALL RIGHT! EVERY-ONE'S HERE.
HUH?
COACH! WHAT IS IT, HIROMU?
TETSU-YA'S... ...NOT HERE.

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING, COACH? YOU KNOW-- TETSUYA. TE-TSU-YA!
TETSUYA? WHO'S THAT?
WHAT?
A NEW MEMBER?
COME ON, STOP GOOFING AROUND. WE'RE STARTING PRACTICE.
Yes, sir
PSST!
DID TETSUYA QUIT OR SOMETHING?
Whisper

MAN, ARE YOU SERIOUS?
HOW COULD HE HAVE QUIT? THERE WAS NEVER THIS... TETSUYA GUY YOU SPEAK OF.
WHAT...?
HEY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TALK ABOUT HIM LIKE THAT!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM WITH HIM IS, BUT THAT'S SO IMMATURE!!
DAMMIT, I DON'T FEEL LIKE DOING THIS ANYMORE
HIRO-MU...
I'M GOING HOME.
EVERY-ONE'S ACTING SO WEIRD.

EVERYTHING WAS FINE UNTIL YESTERDAY.
SO WHAT HAPPENED...?
TETSU-YA'S A GOOD GUY.
He always shares his lunch with me
Ooh... that looks good...
Lunches girls gave him
Tetsuya
Not too subtle, is he?

TH-THUMP
HMM?
DO I... KNOW... THAT GUY...?
AH!
...THE GUY WHO WAS WITH TETSUYA YESTERDAY.
Later!
OH YEAH!! HE'S...

HEY, YOU!
HE MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING...
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU--
Heeeeey!!
どて
WELL, IF IT ISN'T GLORIOUS!! WHAT'S UP? YOU STARTLED ME!
It's been way too long!
AH HA HA... UHM...I THINK YOU HAVE THE WRONG GUY!!!
My name is not "Glorious"!
I'M TELLING YOU, YOU GOT THE WRONG GUY!
HA HA HA! YOU'RE AS BAD AS EVER!

HUH?
HE WAS DELICIOUS.
Very.
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WHATEVER. ANYWAY...
...YOU WERE WITH TETSUYA YESTERDAY, RIGHT?
OH! YEAH, HIM!
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WHAT'S...
...WITH THIS GUY?

HIROMU!!
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU? YOU DITCH PRACTICE, AND LEAVE ME IN CLASS WAITING FOR YOU!
AH.
EEK! OH, YEAH!! WE WERE GONNA CATCH A MOVIE TOGETHER ON THE WAY HOME TODAY!!
No!
UH...
NO...
EH?
But...
OH WELL. WE CAN STILL MAKE IT TO THE FOUR O'CLOCK SHOWING!!
YOU FORGOT, DIDN'T YOU?
I'M SORRY!!
Sincere

YOU KNOW...
...THIS MOVIE'S GOTTEN ME INTO A WEIRD MOOD...
TH-THIS ISN'T A DREAM? IT'S... REAL?!
AM I GOING CRAZY?! OR...IS EVERYONE ELSE?!!
MUNCH
MUNCH
ズズズ...
5月
おやまの大将
ポコーン

OH! YEAH, HIM! HE WAS DELICIOUS.
IS HE A CANNIBAL SERIAL KILLER?!
YEAH... LIKE...
THAT GUY TODAY...
HE JUST REACTED VERY ODDLY TO MY QUESTION.
That's not funny
HMMM.
I'M SIMPLY LOSING MY MIND.
THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER TO MY PROBLEM.

YEAH, YEAH! I'M SURE THAT IS IT.
Mm...
You don't have much of an appetite these days, do you?
Untouched
I'M SURE IT'S JUST THAT I'M TIRED.
YEAH, YEAH.
COME ON--IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION!!
ARRRRGH! THAT'S BAD!! THAT'S VERY BAD!!
I'M SUCH A DORK.
AH HA... HA HA HA HA
WHAT ARE YOU MUMBLING TO YOURSELF ABOUT?
HEY!! IT'S YOU!!
HUH? WE GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I JUST STARTED TODAY.
Is it my imagination, or do you look upset?
SINCE WE'VE FINALLY MET AGAIN AFTER 10 YEARS...
...I THOUGHT I'D STICK AROUND FOR A WHILE, YOU KNOW?
WHAT?

WHAT THE HELL?! YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE, AND YOU'RE GROSSING ME OUT!!
SO LET'S HANG TOGETHER FOR A BIT, HM?
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T TAKE ANY OF YOUR SHARE.
すりすり
WEIRD...
...NAME...?
HUH?
COULD IT BE THAT YOU REALLY HAVE FORGOTTEN?
I'M HIROMU NISHIZAWA.
I'm telling you!
Don't call me by that weird name.
DON'T YOU LIKE ME ANYMORE, GLORIOUS?
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WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?
YOU... REALLY HAVE FORGOTTEN?
AND WHAT WAS WITH THAT FACE?
HELLOOO?
WHAT ARE YOU ACTING ALL SERIOUS ABOUT?
I'M NOT ACTING.
How rude.
ARE YOU SKIPPING PRACTICE AGAIN TODAY?

YEAH... I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET IN THE MOOD FOR IT.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN? YOU'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE SINCE YESTERDAY.
IF I TELL YOU, YOU'LL LAUGH. FORGET IT.
I PROMISE I WON'T LAUGH. OR IS THIS SOMETHING YOU CAN'T TELL YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
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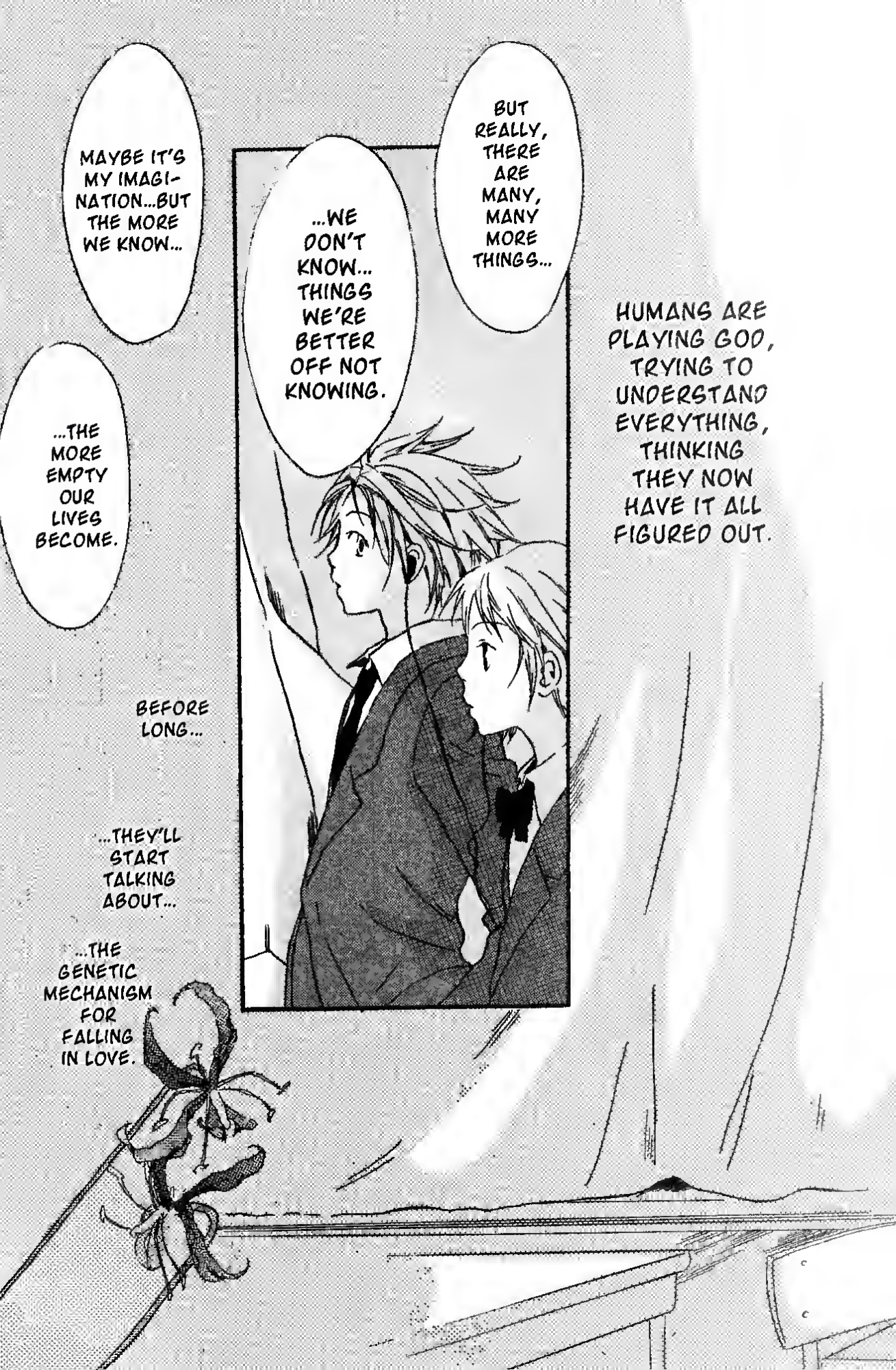
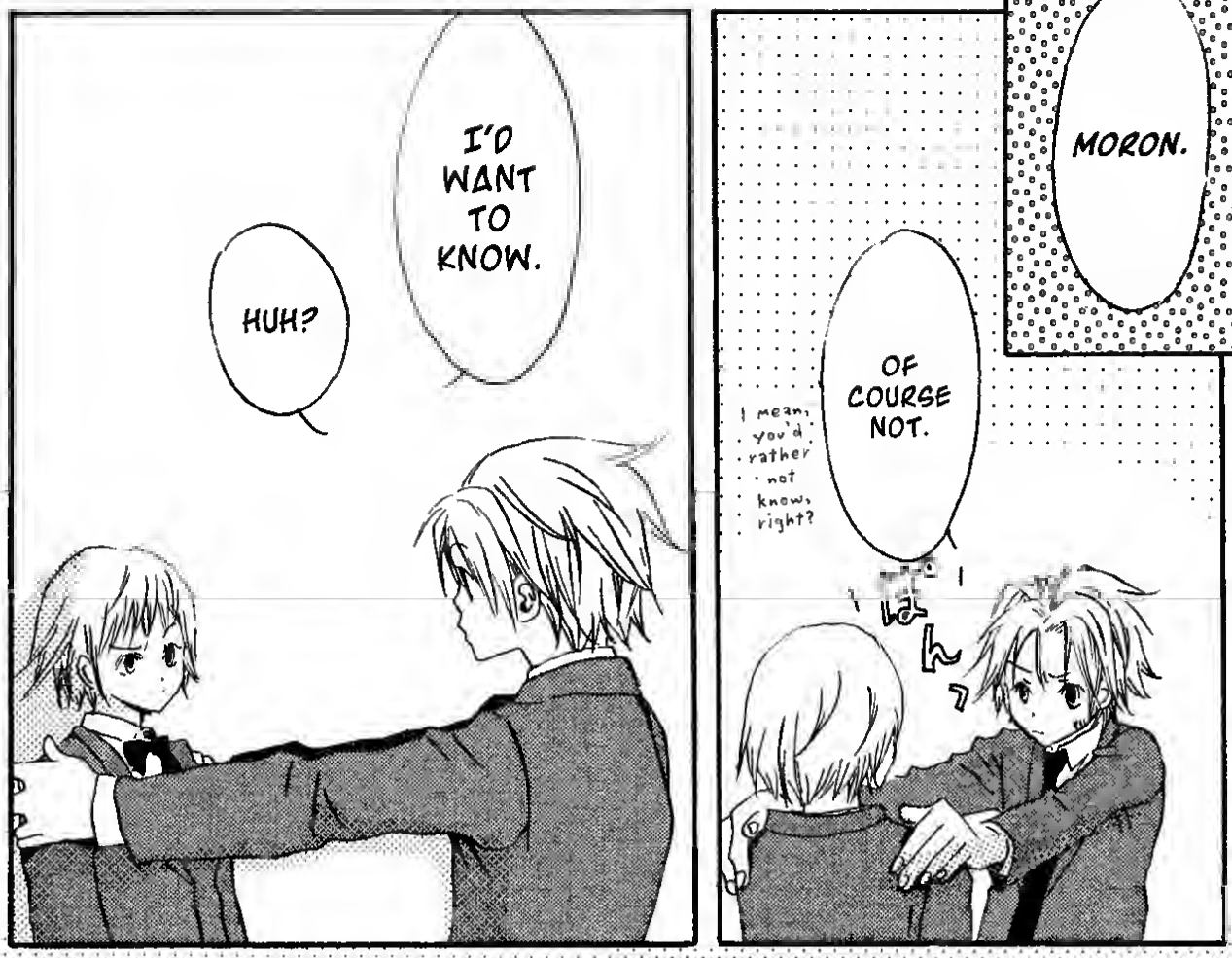
WELL, THE THING IS...
HMM, I SEE.
YOU PROMISE YOU WON'T LAUGH?
I TOLD YOU I WOULDN'T, DIDN'T I?
WELL, I KNOW I'M CRAZY--
NOT FOR SURE, YOU DON'T.
MAYBE EVERYONE ELSE IS CRAZY.

PLEASE, THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT.
OH... REALLY?
LIKE ON TV AND STUFF THESE DAYS...
...THEY'RE MAKING A BIG DEAL ABOUT THE HUMAN GENOMES AND CLONES AND STUFF, RIGHT?
THEY'VE FINISHED MAPPING THE HUMAN GENOME, THE ENTIRE GENETIC CODE FOR A LIVING PERSON.
THEY SOMETIMES CALL IT THE HUMAN BLUEPRINT.
AND BY MESSING WITH IT, THEY CAN MAKE CLONES AND STUFF.
You hear me?


MAYBE IT'S MY IMAGI-NATION...BUT THE MORE WE KNOW...
...THE MORE EMPTY OUR LIVES BECOME.
BUT REALLY, THERE ARE MANY, MANY MORE THINGS...
...WE DON'T KNOW... THINGS WE'RE BETTER OFF NOT KNOWING.
HUMANS ARE PLAYING GOD, TRYING TO UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING, THINKING THEY NOW HAVE IT ALL FIGURED OUT.
BEFORE LONG...
...THEY'LL START TALKING ABOUT...
...THE GENETIC MECHANISM FOR FALLING IN LOVE.

REALLY...
HEY! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU--!!
AND NOW... HUMAN LIVES... EXISTENCES...
...ARE DISAPPEARING... EVERY SINGLE DAY...LIKE THE WIND...
IT COULD BE THE WORK OF A GOD, INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO HUMANS!

BUT YOU REALIZED IT, HIROMU.
THERE'S SOME MEANING TO THAT.
BEING ABLE TO KNOW...
YOU'RE LUCKY, HIROMU...
I...
...WONDER IF I'D KNOW IT IF YOU WERE TO SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR...



INNOCENT OR DEMONIC

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NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL IT MAY BE, I'D WANT TO KNOW.

REBIRTH OR REVERSE

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WELL, I'LL CALL YOU LATER.
YEAH, SURE.
WELL, THAT'S THAT. I NEED TO GET GOING.
WHA--? WHERE TO?!
WHAT TO DO? MAYBE I'LL GO, TOO.
HMMM
MAYBE I'D FEEL BETTER IF I GOT SOME EXERCISE.
I SHOULD'VE NOTICED THIS BEFORE, BUT MY GIRLFRIEND IS WEIRD...
REALLY SHOULD'VE...
OH... REALLY
We're meeting today for the first time in a while!
Hm?
SUMO-KEN. (SUMO CLUB)
YOOO! NATSUMI!! I'LL GO WITH YOU.
PART OF THE WA--

WHA--?
WHAT THE HELL?!!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!!
HMM... I SEE.

WHAT ...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "I SEE"?
GRAB
THE OLD YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN UPSET OVER SOMETHING TRIVIAL LIKE THIS.
DON'T YOU WORRY. I HAVEN'T TAKEN HER LIFE.
HER LIFE?!
NATSUMI!!

YOU ...!!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO NA-TSUMI?!
SHE'S MY GIRL-FRIEND!!!
JUST WHAT IS THIS GIRL TO YOU?
NO...
THIS GIRL IS NOT YOUR LOVE.

WH-WHAT THE HELL? I DON'T UNDER-STAND!!
HAVE YOU...
...REALLY FORGOTTEN?
...HUH?
ANYWAY...
LET'S GET YOU BACK TO YOUR OLD SELF.

COME WITH ME.
HIS CLOTHES CHANGED?!
GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON--
THERE ARE THINGS YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW, AREN'T THERE?
YOU'RE PROBABLY CONFUSED BECAUSE YOU ONLY SEE WHAT'S VISIBLE, RIGHT?
I'LL LET YOU... NO, I'LL HELP YOU REMEMBER... EVERYTHING.

YOU TIRE YOURSELF LUGGING ALONG THAT USELESS BAGGAGE
Hmph.
HUFF
W-
WAIT UP! GO A LITTLE SLOWER...
HUFF
Look, You!
I KNOW YOU TOLD ME SHE'LL--HUFF! WAKE UP IN ABOUT AN HOUR--HUFF!
HUFF
BUT I COULDN'T-- HUFF-- LEAVE HER THERE!!
Useless baggage?!
PHEW
NOT THAT IT MATTERS, BUT WHERE EXACTLY ARE WE GOING?
YOUR HOUSE.
WHAT?! BUT THAT'S THE OTHER WAY!! THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION!!
You're so annoying...
TRUST ME, THIS WAY WILL BE FINE.

ALL RIGHT, NOW WE'RE HERE.
INCI-DENTALLY, THIS IS MY HOUSE.
HUH?
OH, DON'T BE SO IMPATIENT.
WE'LL TRAVEL TO YOUR HOUSE FROM HERE.
SHOOO
WITH YOU HERE, IT SHOULD CONNECT...

WHAT'S GOING ON?!
AM I DREAMING OR SOMETHING?
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO.

TH-
THUMP
I...
TH-
THUMP
CREAK...
HERE WE ARE. TAKE A GOOD LOOK.
...MUST... BE... DREAMING...
TH-
THUMP
THUMP

AND SHE IS YOUR LOVE, VALERIANA FORIERI. UNDERSTAND?
YOUR NAME IS GLORIOUS LILY.

★SCENE 1★ END

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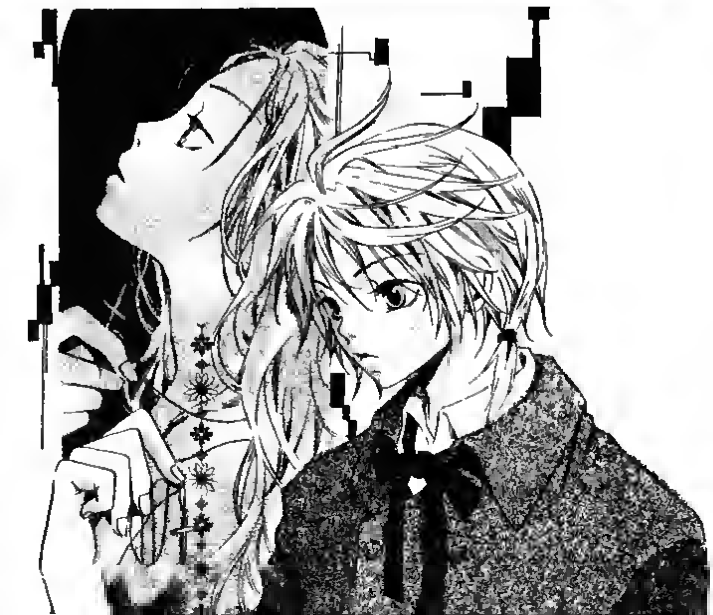
THERE IS NO HIROMU.
YOU ARE GLORIOUS LILY.
YOUR LOVER IS VALERIANA FORIERI.
LIKE MYSELF, YOU ARE A "DESTINY THIEF."
WE EAT PEOPLE'S LIVES. WE ERASE THEIR VERY EXISTENCE.

YOU MUST REMEMBER, GLORIOUS!
WHY DID YOU WANT TO BECOME A HUMAN?
HEY, YOU MEAN THAT YOU GUYS...
...LIVE BY EATING HUMAN BEINGS?
SO WHAT IF WE DO?
YOU YOURSELF DID THE SAME.
YOU ALSO USED TO SEE HUMANS MERELY AS FOOD, YOU KNOW?



HEY... YOU'VE REALLY GOT THE WRONG GUY.
I...
...HAVE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
NOW, I'M GOING HOME.
W-WAIT!!
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I WOULD HATE PEOPLE...
...WHO ARE LIKE THAT.

HOW... CAN YOU...
...SAY THAT?
Morning!
GOOD MORNING!
SLAP

AH! NATSUMI...
I'M SORRY ABOUT YESTER-DAY!!
EH?
I HEARD YOU CARRIED ME ALL THE WAY HOME.
AH... OH. I DIDN'T MIND...
WHAT'LL I DO? WHAT DO I TELL HER ABOUT YESTERDAY?
HOW SURPRISING THAT I, OF ALL PEOPLE, WOULD FAINT.
I WONDER IF IT'S ANEMIA
EH?
I CAN REMEMBER GOING OUT TO THE HALLWAY--
SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER...
HEY, YOU'RE GOING TO PRACTICE TODAY, RIGHT?
I'M GOING TO MY CLUB, TOO, SO ON THE WAY HOME, LET'S--
OH, SORRY.

I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE IT ANYMORE.
SORRY, BUT I'M GOING HOME EARLY AGAIN TODAY...
OH, YEAH?
Hmm Why not?!

I WILL ELIMINATE...
...ANYONE IN MY WAY.

WHAT?

HEEEY! HIROMUUU!
Bye bye!
キーンコーンカーン
WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY THAT?

DON'T FORGET TO COME TO PRACTICE.
SORRY, NOT TODAY...
I don't feel good.
COME ON, WHAT'S WRONG?
I'M BEGGING YOU, MAN. THE TEAM'S SMALL AND SAD ENOUGH AS IT IS.
You're our only hope!
SMALL AND SAD?
HEY, HEY! WAIT A SECOND. SINCE WHEN ARE WE "SMALL AND SAD"?
WE HAVE SHINJI, TAKASHI AND KOUTARO, DON'T WE?
And me, too!
We're NUMERO UNO in the city, aren't we?
トントントン
YEAH, I WISH!! BUT SERIOUSLY, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
We don't have any of those people.

EH? WE... DON'T?
YOU OKAY, MAN? YOU'VE BEEN KIND OF OFF LATELY.
IT CAN'T BE!!
"I'LL ELIMINATE ANYONE IN MY WAY."
NO WAY!! HE DIDN'T?!
NATSUMI'S IN TROUBLE!!
SLAM
NATSUMI!!
SHE'S GONE?!!

WH-WHERE'S NATSUMI?!!
EH?! OH, NATSUMI...
SHE SAID SHE'S GOING TO YOUR HOUSE. SHE'S GONE.
NO, I CAN'T RELAX YET!!
I'M SURE HE'LL GO AFTER NATSUMI NEXT!!
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OH...
I... SEE...

HOW... IS MY HOUSE... GONE...?!!
IT'S GONE...
HUFF
HUFF
BECAUSE I ERASED HIROMU'S PARENTS.
INEVITABLY, THE HOUSE WAS ERASED ALONG WITH THEM.

YOU'RE WRONG.
SO IT WAS YOU!!
GIVE ME BACK MY FRIENDS!! GIVE ME BACK MY MOM AND DAD!!!
WHY... YOU...!!
THEY'RE NOT YOUR PARENTS. THEY'RE HIROMU'S PARENTS.
SO IF I EAT YOUR PARENTS...
...IT FOLLOWS THAT YOU WOULD BE ERASED AS WELL, RIGHT?
I TOLD YOU BEFORE, BY EATING PEOPLE'S LIVES...
...WE ERASE THE VERY FACT THAT THEY EXISTED.

I'VE MADE IT CLEAR NOW, HAVEN'T I?
YOU--
SHUT UP!!!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT STUFF!!!
I WAS BORN HERE AND RAISED HERE!!!
I HAVE PARENTS!! FRIENDS!! A GIRLFRIEND!!
I'M A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT!!
AND YET YOU...
...ARE STILL HERE.
AREN'T YOU?

WHY DO YOU LIKE DESTROYING EVERYTHING AROUND ME?!
WHY CAN'T YOU JUST LEAVE ME ALONE?!!!
I DON'T CARE IF I'M NOT HIROMU! BUT I'M NOT LIKE YOU!
GIVE THEM BACK!! GIVE THEM ALL BACK!!
I HATE IT!! I HATE WHO YOU PEOPLE ARE!! I'M NOT LIKE YOU!
NO WAY ...
PBBT!
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?!!

DON'T TELL ME YOU'D FORGOTTEN?
WHEN YOU ABSORBED THE REAL HIROMU'S LIFE...
...I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT YOU ALIGNED WITH HIM.
AND YOU BECAME CONVINCED THAT...
...YOU ARE HIROMU. ISN'T THAT SO?
YOU ARE SELFISH, AREN'T YOU?
DID YOU NOT CHOOSE THIS PATH YOURSELF?
AND YOU DRAGGED VALERIANA INTO IT.
YOU BOTH KNOW, DON'T YOU?
HOW FOOLISH AND UGLY HUMANS ARE?

NATSUMI!!
HIROMU!!
AND WITH THE POWER YOU HAVE AS A DESTINY THIEF TO MANIPULATE YOUR SURROUNDINGS ...
...YOU'RE MAKING EVERYONE THINK THAT YOU'RE INDEED THIS HIROMU.
I WONDER IF I'M GETTING SENILE ALREADY.
TAF
I'M SO GLAD I RAN INTO YOU!
YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN TO YOUR HOUSE A MILLION TIMES.
BUT SOMEHOW I GOT LOST ON THE WAY TODAY.
I just couldn't find it!
Huff
Huff

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NATSUMI!!
STOP IT!!

ALL RIGHT... I GIVE UP!!
I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!!!
JUST DON'T HURT NATSUMI!!!
DO WHATEVER I WANT...
...YOU SAY...?

THIS IS A CANE THAT YOU USED TO USE.
IF YOU WISH ON THIS, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING.
...IS TO USE THIS TO DELETE THAT WOMAN'S MEMORIES OF YOU.
YOUR FIRST TASK, THEN...
NOW DO IT!!
HIRO... MU?

I'M SORRY... NATSUMI...
I'M... GOING AWAY.
IT LOOKS LIKE... I CAN'T STAY HERE...
WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, HIROMU?
NO... HIROMU ISN'T ME.
I'M NOT REALLY HIROMU... IT SEEMS.
SO I HAVE TO GO.
OH, BUT DON'T WORRY.
YOU'LL FORGET ABOUT ME... YOU'LL FORGET ALL ABOUT ME...

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YOW! THAT HURT!! WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?!!
BECAUSE YOU'RE THINKING ONLY OF YOURSELF!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, I'LL FORGET?!!

I CAN'T HELP IT, CAN I?
I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.
WHY NOT?!!
BECAUSE I'M A MONSTER!!
WHAT?
I'M NOT HIROMU!!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SEE THEM!!
THE MISSING FRIENDS!! THE DISAPPEARING FAMILY!!!
THIS PERSON YOU CALL HIROMU ISN'T ME!! I'M A MONSTER!!
IT'S OBVIOUS!! I'M NOT HUMAN!!

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU ARE!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU ARE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU ARE...!
I LOVE YOU!!
DON'T YOU DARE TELL ME I'LL FORGET YOU!

NA... TSUMI...
H-HUH...? THIS FEELING..! DID SOMETHING LIKE THIS... HAPPEN... BEFORE?
FINE.
HAVE IT YOUR WAY.
BUT... IN EX-CHANGE...
...I WILL KEEP VALERI-ANA.

LET'S GO, VALERIANA.
I LOVE YOU.
TH-
THUMP!

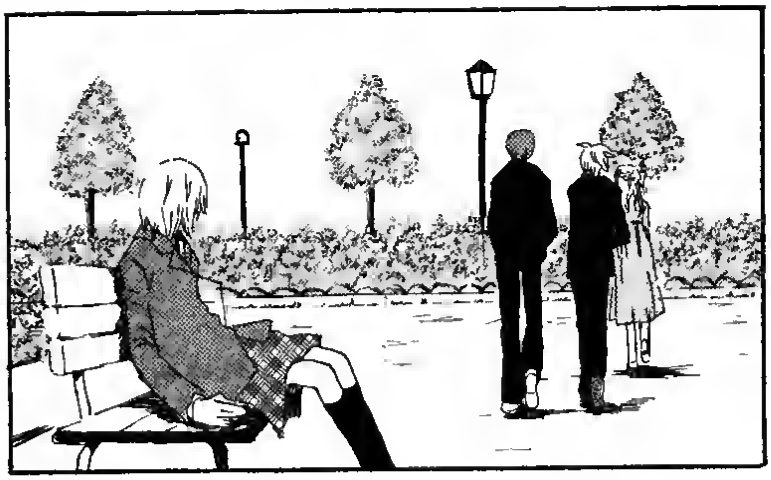
HEY...
VERMILLION.
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU.
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU!!

WAIT ONE MINUTE.
I WOULD APPRECIATE IT...
...IF YOU WOULD NOT TAKE MY VALERIANA WITHOUT MY PERMISSION.
G-GLORI-OUS!!
HA HA... HA.HA HA!!
SO YOU REMEM-BERED!! THAT'S GREAT! HA HA HA HA.

KNOCK IT OFF.
← foot
YOU MIGHT AS WELL LET ME HAVE HER. SHE LOOKS DELICIOUS.
BY THE WAY...
WHAT'LL WE DO WITH THIS ONE?
I'VE ERASED HER MEMORIES... DON'T DO ANYTHING RUDE.
STILL, THAT WAS CLOSE.
A LITTLE LONGER, AND YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY SUCKED IN.
Sheesh, how did you end up like that?
INDEED...
MAYBE IT WAS MY PUNISHMENT FOR BEING A LITTLE TOO MALICIOUS.
Punishment?

MALICIOUS?
YES, MALICIOUS.
THAT "HIROMU." HIS FACE WAS IDENTICAL TO MINE.
HEY, YOU KNOW WHAT?
I THINK I'LL TELL HER I LIKE HER TOMORROW.
HER NAME'S NATSUMI. SHE'S A BIT OF A WEIRDO...
...BUT SHE'S ONE CUTE CHICK!
AND HE WAS ALWAYS SMILING.

HE BECAME AN ANNOYANCE, SO I ATE HIM THAT VERY DAY.
You were malicious..
ALL RIGHT THEN, LET'S ALL GO HOME.
HEY, GLORIOUS...
MM?
COULD IT BE THAT... YOU...
...WERE JEALOUS?
AH... NO... IT'S NOTHING.
STOP BEING WEIRD.



NOW...
LET'S
GO.

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SCENE3

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HEY, HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO STAY HERE?
I DON'T KNOW!
JEEZ!! DON'T TELL ME YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO LIVING-LIKE-A-HUMAN?
LIKE YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THAT NATSUMI OR OTHER.
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING SO FRUSTRATED FOR, VERMILLION?
IT'S JUST THAT IT'S A BIT OF A HASSLE.

THE DAY YOU...

...GLORIOUS...

...WERE BORN!

THE DAYS WHEN YOU WERE HUMAN.
MIKA-SAMA HAS ARRIVED.
OH... I SEE...
I'M SORRY...
...HIRO-KAZU-SAMA...

THIS TOWN IS JUST SO WONDERFUL... I JUST--
IS THAT SO? I'M GLAD.
...FOR ALWAYS DROPPING IN ON YOU LIKE THIS.
HM? UHM... NO.
IT'S JUST WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT FROM A TOWN THRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MUNEMOTO-SAMA'S COMPANY.
OH, MY, I'M HONORED THAT YOU WOULD SAY SO.
IF YOU'D LIKE, I COULD HAVE HIROKAZU HERE SHOW YOU AROUND TOWN.
AH, MUNEMOTO-SAMA.
YES... SIR.

I'M SO SORRY... HERE YOU ARE, BUSY WITH YOUR STUDIES...
QUITE ALL RIGHT.
Ha ha ha ha ha!
THAT'S JUST...
...THEIR SHOW OF SOCIAL OBLIGATION.
IT'S AMAZING.
WHAT IS?
OH, I WAS JUST NOTICING... HOW EVERYONE TRUSTS YOU.
Come now, show your respect!!
TRUSTS ME?

"THE REASON THEY BOW THEIR HEADS TO YOU IS BECAUSE YOU ARE AN AUTHORITY FIGURE IN THIS TOWN."
"LISTEN, HIROKAZU. YOU MUST LEARN TO ALWAYS DOUBT PEOPLE."
WHAT?
GRAB
"WE HAVE MANY ENEMIES."
"DON'T PUT YOUR TRUST IN ANYONE."
YES, AND...
"IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF THE COMPANY, SO IT'S ALSO FOR YOUR OWN SAKE."
"THIS IS THE GIRL YOU ARE TO MARRY."

...I'M SOMEWHAT LIKE THEM MYSELF.
HOW DO YOU MEAN?
WHAM
YIKES!!
A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, HIROKAZU-SAMA?!!
Y-YES, I BELIEVE SO...
WHAT...
Owww
WHAT ON EARTH IS WRONG WITH HER?!

OH, OH MY GOD!
I'M SORRY!!
A WESTERN... GIRL...?
YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?!
I'M SORRY! I WAS CARRYING SO MANY THINGS!!
I really couldn't see where I was going!
WHAT?!
WOW... SHE'S LIKE A DOLL...
I shouldn't, but she's cute...
ARE YOU FROM THIS TOWN?

I LIVE IN THIS TOWN'S CHURCH, WITH MY GRAND-FATHER.
Yes!
OH, I SEE. SO YOU MOVED IN TODAY?
YES-- NO, NOT BEFORE TODAY.
HM?
SO... WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW?
OH?
PLEASE COME SEE ME SOMETIME! ♡
Is she okay?
I WONDER IF THAT GIRL DROPPED THIS...
YES... I THINK SHE DID.

I THINK WE COULD CATCH UP TO HER IF WE RAN...
OH, I CAN GO ALONE.
YOU WAIT HERE A WHILE, MIKA-SAN.
AH! THERE SHE IS!
WHY AM I HIDING?
WAIT...
WHAT IS SHE DOING...?
HELLO. THIS IS FOR YOU.

THEY'RE ALL SCARED OF HER.
THEY MUST NOT BE USED TO SEEING PEOPLE LIKE HER...
SHE'S A FOOL.
WHAT IS SHE SMILING LIKE THAT FOR?
SHE'S COMPLETELY DEFENSELESS.
I'LL BE LIVING HERE FROM NOW ON. MY NAME IS VALERIANA.
HMM...
WHAT AM I DOING?
Am I a stalker?
I'M HOME!
Missed his chance to give it back.

JEEZ. I'M GOING HOME FOR TODAY.
RUSTLE
WHAT'S THAT?
WAAAAHH!
HA HA HA HA
I'M SORRY I SCARED YOU!!
AND HERE YOU WERE, BRINGING SOMETHING MY VALERIANA HAD DROPPED.
WELL...
AS AN APOLOGY, I OFFER YOU DINNER. PLEASE HAVE SOME BEFORE YOU GO.
Y-yes, sir
Shaking
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MY...BUT TO THINK, YOU'RE THE HEIR TO THE MUNEMOTO COMPANY--
THAT'S RIGHT! IT MUST BE SO AMAZING.
PLEASE, LET'S NOT TALK OF THAT.
I... DESPISE...
...THAT FAMILY AND MY-SELF.
IT'S NOTHING LIKE AMAZING.
NO! YOU MUSTN'T!!
IT'S TERRIBLE TO SAY THAT YOU HATE YOURSELF!!

It's true! Momma said so!!
OH, REALLY?
SAY WHAT YOU LIKE, BUT I CAN'T HELP IT, CAN I? IT'S THE TRUTH!!
NO
THOSE WHO SAY SUCH THINGS WILL BE CARRIED OFF BY THE DEVIL!
BESIDES!! YOU HAVE TO LEARN TO LOVE YOURSELF!
OR ELSE NO ONE WILL EVER COME TO LOVE YOU FOR YOU!!

AH... DAMMIT.
I FORGOT ABOUT HER...
YOU ABANDONED YOUR PRECIOUS FIANCÉE!!!
HIROKAZU! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!
WHATEVER, I DON'T CARE...
UGH... SHUT UP...
WAIT!! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
I'M SORRY--
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN SETTLE THIS PROBLEM WITH AN APOLOGY?!! REALLY, YOUNG MAN!
I'M GOING OUTSIDE TO GET SOME AIR.

HUH?
IT WAS WRONG TO DO THAT TO MIKA-SAN...
WHO... IS THAT?
HEY, YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN SOMEONE ELSE'S GARDEN?
EH?

Oooohh.
OH... GARDEN!! SO THIS IS A GARDEN?
I SEE!!
SO THAT THING BACK THERE WAS A GATE, AFTER ALL!
It was so big, I couldn't tell.
WHAT AN ODD FELLOW ..
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE.
YES, THAT'S HOW IT IS, SO LEAVE.
YOU'LL BE IN GREAT TROUBLE IF ANYONE FINDS YOU HERE.

WHAT IS THIS MAN UP TO?
WHAT?
YOU LOOK... DELICIOUS.
DO YOU REALLY HATE YOUR-SELF THAT MUCH?
WELL, HUMANS WHO STRUGGLE WITH THAT PROBLEM....
BUT YOU HAVE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL HEART.
...ARE MY FAVORITES.

GET AWAY FROM ME!!

CHILDREN WHO SAY SUCH THINGS WILL BE CARRIED OFF BY THE DEVIL!
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
WHAT IN THE WORLD?
HE...HE DISAPPEARED.
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RIDICU-LOUS. IT'S... IMPOS-SIBLE...!
DARN, I'M STARTING TO FADE A LITTLE...
I REALLY SHOULD HAVE EATEN HIM BY NOW.
HMM.
I'M SURE I'M JUST TIRED.

BUT, NO! IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A WASTE, AFTER ALL!
I'm sure!
NOT YET.
I'LL WAIT... UNTIL THE CHAINS OF HIS HEART BECOME MUCH MORE ENTANGLED.
TWISTED AND SNARED UP IN MISERY.
UNTIL HE CAN'T FREE HIMSELF...
AH!
OOH...
I've got a bad feeling about this.
HIROKAZU-SAN! PERFECT TIMING...!!

AH?
EEK!
PLEASE, WAIT A MOMENT! WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?!
I'M SORRY FOR HAVING TO VOLUNTEER YOU...
UHM... NO...
His bad feeling was ominous.
Please come to church.
SHE MUST BE HANDING OUT FLOWERS TO SAY HELLO TO EVERYONE... RIGHT?
WHY DID I HELP HER?
NORMALLY, I WOULD'VE JUST KEPT ON RUNNING.

I WANT NOTHING FROM A WESTERNER!!
SEE?
I KNEW IT.
What'll I do if she cries?
PATIENCE, PATIENCE.
WE'LL BECOME GOOD FRIENDS IN DUE TIME.

EXCUSE ME, YOU'RE YOUNG MASTER HIROKAZU, AREN'T YOU?
Hm? Uh...
OH, MY! YOU ARE. WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT A PLACE LIKE THIS, SIR?
MY GOODNESS, THAT WAS A TERRIBLE THING TO SAY!
BUT DON'T YOU FRET, SHE DIDN'T MEAN IT.
Deep down, she's a good person...
HMM?
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A WESTERNER GIRLFRIEND...
That's our young master!
I ASKED HIM TO HELP ME GIVE OUT FLOWERS.
OH! I SEE!
WHA--?! N-NO, SHE'S NOT!!
SIR, YOUR FACE IS ALL RED!
SH-SHUT UP!!
Ha ha ha ha.
OH, IT'S TRUE!

THE RED STRING OF DESTINY...
...ISN'T YET QUITE ENTWINED.
SAY, ISN'T THAT YOUR SON?
IT'S BEGUN TO TANGLE...
AND IT'S NOT.
SHOWING ANY SIGNS...
... OF COMING UNDONE

NOT UNTIL THEY SPIT OUT THE SWEET POISON.
QUITE A FEW PEOPLE SHOWED UP, DIDN'T THEY?
HIROKAZU!!
THEY ALL SEEM RATHER DOWNCAST, THOUGH.
YES.

BUT THEY MUSTN'T GIVE IN!!
Oh?
WELL, IT'S NOT A BIG SURPRISE, REALLY.
Ah ha! THAT'S WHY I'VE THOUGHT OF SOMETHING TO CHEER EVERYONE UP A LITTLE.
WITH THAT MYSTERIOUS KILLER DISEASE SPREADING AMONG THEIR LIVESTOCK, THEIR MAIN SOURCE OF FOOD...
...ANYONE WOULD BE SICK WITH WORRY.
PLEASE, TAKE A LOOK...
CREEAK
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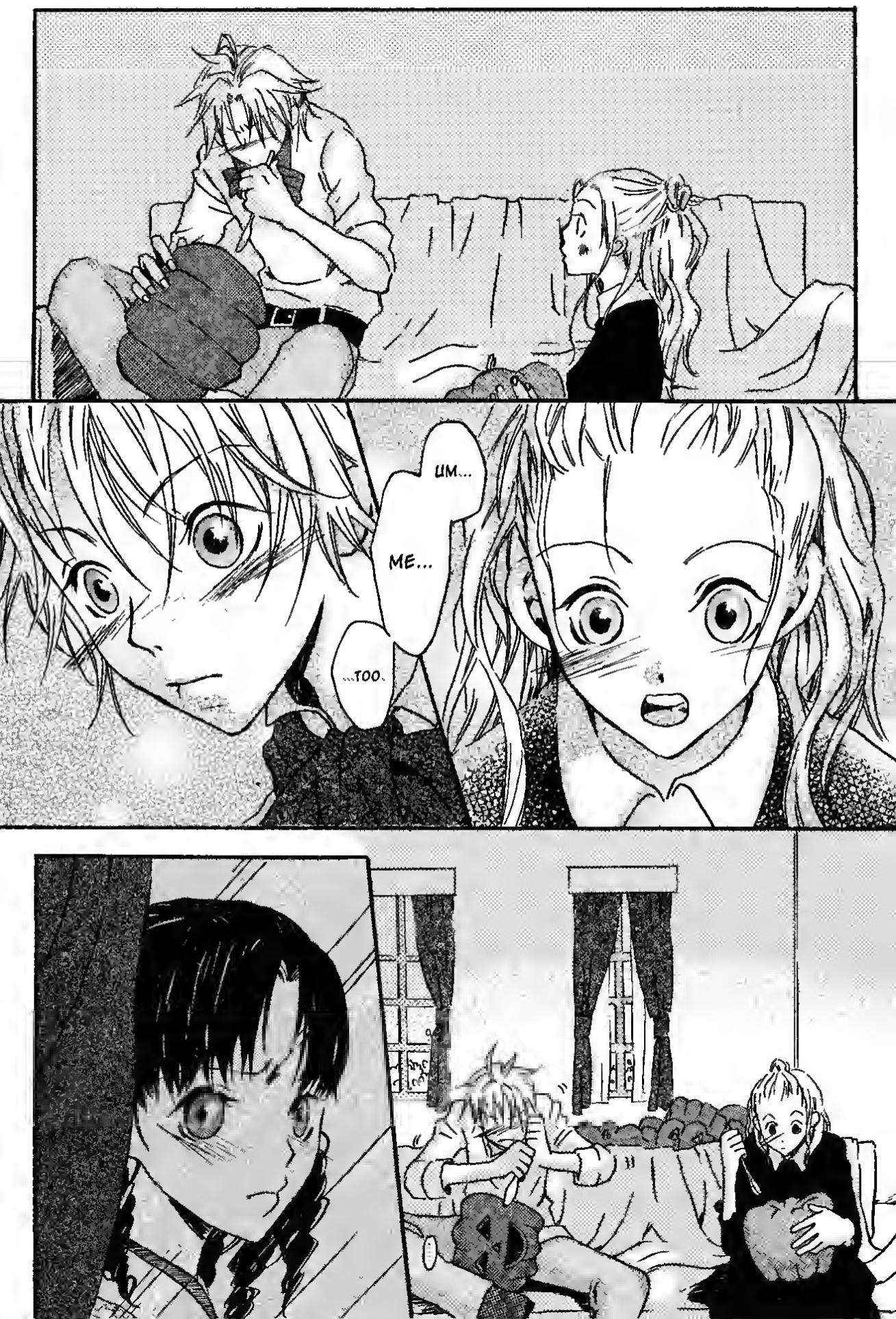
OH... I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.
I SAW IT IN A BOOK ONCE.
Uhm, what was it called?
HALLOWEEN!
...AT THIS!!
IT'S CALLED HALLOWEEN!

OH... I SEE.
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HIM, HE WENT TO THE CHURCH, MISS.
OH, THE YOUNG MASTER?
HEY...
ISN'T THIS ENOUGH?
We have a lot here.
NO!!
It's not enough yet!!

WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?
PBBT!
I'M GOING TO GIVE ONE TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.
Along with some treats!
...WHO SPEAKS TO ME LIKE THAT.
IT'S JUST THAT... YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE...
HMM?
OH, NO! I-IS THAT BAD?!
NO, I LIKE IT...
I LIKE YOU.


UM...
ME...
...TOO.

LOOK...
SHH!
MISS?
IT SEEMS THE FRONT ENTRANCE IS CLOSED AFTER ALL.
YES?
OH! ISN'T THAT THE YOUNG MASTER?!
BUT... WHO IS THAT WITH HIM?
A MAJYO.
EH?

B-BUT HIROKAZU-SAMA IS WITH HER.
AND SHE IS GUILTY OF POISONING OUR TOWN.
A MAJYO?! THAT WESTERN GIRL?!
YES.
*MAJYO: WITCH.
...BY THE MAJYO.
HE'S BEING CONTROL-LED...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!
WHY CAN'T I GO TO CHURCH?!!
THERE'S A RUMOR GOING AROUND TOWN.
THEY SAY THE RECENT UNEXPLAINED DEATHS OF LIVESTOCK...
...IS THE WORK OF A MAJYO.

A MAJYO? HOW IS THAT RELATED TO MY GOING TO CHURCH?
IT IS ALSO RUMORED THAT...
...YOU ARE BEING CONTROLLED BY THE MAJYO AT THAT CHURCH.
"THE MAJYO AT THAT CHURCH"?
YOU WILL NEVER SEE HER AGAIN.
DOES HE MEAN VALERIANA?!
YOU WILL STAY HERE A WHILE.
FATHER!!
SLAM
PLEASE, WAIT!! FATHER!! SHE'S--
SHE'S NOT A MAJYO!!
FATHER! LET ME OUT!! FATHER!!
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VALERIANA'S IN TROUBLE!!
WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO?!!
WILL...WILL HE BE ALL RIGHT, SIR? TO THINK THE YOUNG MASTER... WAS BEING CONTROLLED BY A MAJYO--
THERE HAS TO BE A WAY OUT SOMEWHERE!!
DON'T BE SILLY!
DO YOU THINK I WOULD BE SWAYED BY SUCH A RUMOR?
WHERE IS IT?!!

GOOD... I MADE IT OUT...
VALERIANA!! PLEASE BE ALL RIGHT!!

WH-WHAT'S THE MATTER?!!
I'M SO GLAD...
...YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!!
VALERIANA!!
HIROKAZU!!
YOU HAVE TO RUN AWAY WITH ME!!
I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING LATER!!

WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
JUST COME!!
NO!!
I NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!!
THE TOWNS-PEOPLE!! THEY DON'T UNDER-STAND--
THEY THINK YOU'RE A MAJYO!!
THEY SAY THAT EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED IN TOWN LATELY IS YOUR DOING!!
UM...

WHAT'S A MAJYO?
LET'S SEE...
UHM...
What's the English word for majyo?
Uh... argh!
Witch...? No, that's not it
A- ANYWAY!! THE TOWNS-PEOPLE THINK YOU'RE A REALLY BAD PERSON!!
MY FATHER EVEN LOCKED ME IN THE CELLAR!!
HE TOLD ME NEVER TO SEE YOU AGAIN!!
THERE'S SOMETHING TERRIBLE GOING ON!!
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
I DON'T THINK THEY'LL LET YOU ALONE...

I HAVE NOT DONE ANY-THING BAD.
VALERIANA...
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
NO, YOU'RE BEING NAÏVE!! DON'T TRUST THEM!!
IF WE TALK TO THEM, THEY'LL UNDER-STAND.
I WILL NOT RUN AWAY.
YOU MUST TRUST OTHERS.

WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THE TOWNSPEOPLE WILL COME BARGING IN.
I'LL STAY WITH YOU UNTIL THEY DO.
I'LL JUST STAY HERE WITH YOU.
HAVE IT YOUR WAY.
Haaa...
FINE.
THANK YOU...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SHEESH...
IT'S OKAY. YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.
I TRUST YOU.
YES...
IT'S TAKING A BIT FOR THEM TO COME, ISN'T IT?
THEY WOULDN'T COME RIGHT AWAY.

I'M BORED.
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!!
I NEED TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING.
IT'S ALL RIGHT!! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
HAI
She's not very aware of our situation, it seems.
RUSTLE
HERE IT IS.
WHERE DID YOU GO? DON'T WANDER AROUND SO MUCH.

NO...
THEY'RE HERE!!
THE YOUNG MASTER!!
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HIROKAZU-SAMA!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?!
SHE'S A MAJYO!! NOW, PLEASE HURRY, RUN!
A MAJYO? ARE YOU INSANE?
WHO WOULD SAY SUCH A THING?
YOUNG SIR, YOU'RE BEING CONTROLLED!!
DO YOU HAVE ANY PROOF OF THAT? I FEEL VERY NORMAL.
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PROOF, DO YOU?
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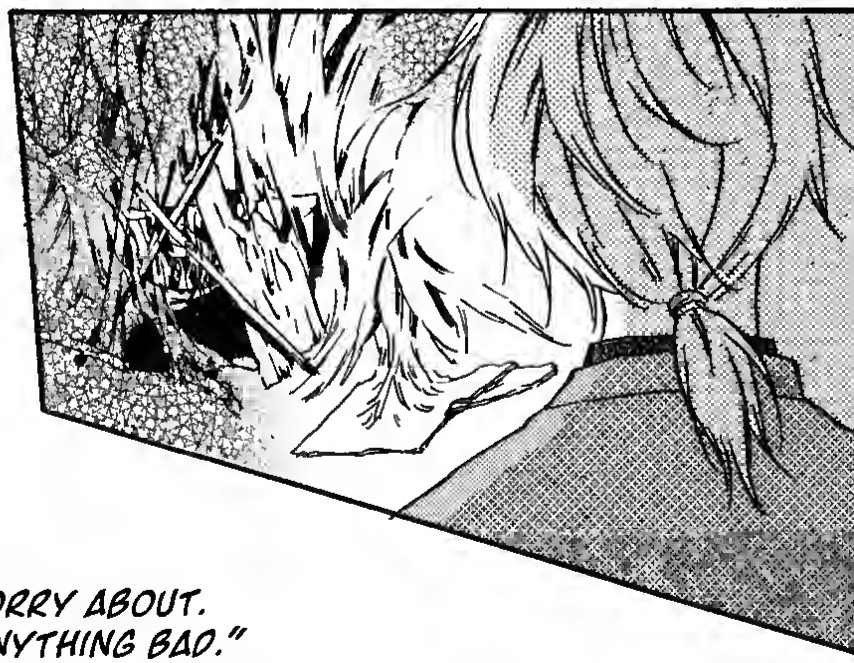
HIROKAZU!!

YOU... IDIOT ...!!
LOOK! I MADE IT FOR HALLOWEEN!

VALERIANA...!!

SHE'S NOT A MAJYO!!
SHE'S NOT A MAJYO!!

CEASE THIS STRUGGLING, HIROKAZU.
SHE IS A MAJYO... IN A WAY...
YOU HAVE MIKA-SAN.
AND YET SHE CAST A SPELL OVER YOUR HEART.
OUR COMPANY IS UNDER A TREMENDOUS FINANCIAL CRISIS.
IF YOU DO NOT MARRY MIKA-SAN, WE'RE DONE FOR.
FATHER!!
I HAD TO NIP THIS PROBLEM IN THE BUD.
THAT'S...THE ONLY REASON?



"NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING BAD."

"IT'S ALL RIGHT."
"I'M SURE THEY'LL UNDER-STAND."
NOOOOO!!
THEY'RE DEAD!!
I'LL KILL THEM!!
ALL OF THEM...!!
I'LL KILL THEM ALL!!

YOUNG MASTER!!
THIS IS TERRIBLE! IT'S NO USE!! THE FIRE IS CONSUMING EVERYTHING!!
WAIT... IS THAT ...?
WHY NOT SERVE UP SOME-THING EVEN BETTER THAN DEATH?
NOW, NOW... DON'T BE IN SUCH A RUSH.
YOU... YOU'RE...

HIRO-
KAZU...
SAMA?!!

A DESTINY THIEF?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A NEW PERSON?
YES. WILL YOU CAST OFF YOUR HUMANITY?
YOU HATE YOURSELF, DON'T YOU?
YES, I HATE MYSELF.
I COULDN'T EVEN PROTECT THAT ONE GIRL WHO WAS DEAR TO ME.
DISAPPEAR.

HUMANS DIE, BUT WE DON'T DIE. NOR DO WE AGE.
FOOLISH CREATURES!!
OUR FOOD IS HUMAN LIFE.
WE ABSORB THEIR ENTIRE LIFETIMES.
WE ERASE THE VERY FACT THAT THEY EXISTED.
YOU CAN EVEN BRING VALERIANA BACK TO LIFE.
REALLY?
JUST LIKE GODS!!

BUT ...
BECAUSE SHE'S DIED ONCE...
...SHE'LL NEED A LIFE SOURCE...
YES... ABOUT 10 LIVES.
HEY, COME ON.
THAT'S GOING A BIT FAR, ISN'T IT?

AND TWO DESTINIES WERE BORN...
ON THAT DAY...
...AN ENTIRE TOWN VANISHED...

HMM...
YES. YOU ARE NO LONGER HIROKAZU.
A NAME?
OH, YES... LET'S GIVE YOU A NAME.
GLORIOUS LILY?
GLORIOUS LILY.
IT FITS YOUR IMAGE PERFECTLY.
DIGNIFIED AND NOBLE.
BUT IT IS A PASSIONATE FLOWER, LIKE YOUR BOILING BLOOD.
YES. MY FAVORITE FLOWER.

NO...
I AM... VALERIANA... FORIERI.
AND YOU'RE...?
I'M... VALERIANA.
WELL, I KNOW THAT...

HER HUMAN NAME, IS IT?
SHE SHOULD HAVE JUST THROWN IT AWAY...
.....
INDEED...

★SCENE 3★ END

Million Tears

SCENE4

I DON'T WANNA GO BY MYSELF!
You lost the game, so stop trying to weasel out of it!!
I'M BEGGING YOU! RAID THOSE CAFETERIAS BY YOURSELF!!
H-HEY! I DON'T WANNA!!
YOU HAVE TO!
IT'LL BE OKAY! I PROMISE IT'LL BE FUN!!
ON THE MOST BORING DAYS...
...ALL I WANTED WAS A LITTLE EXCITEMENT.
LATER!
YOU'RE CURIOUS TO SEE OTHER SCHOOLS' CAFETERIAS, TOO, AREN'T YOU?

ARE YOU THAT BORED?
JEEZ, ISN'T THERE ANYTHING INTERESTING ANYMORE?
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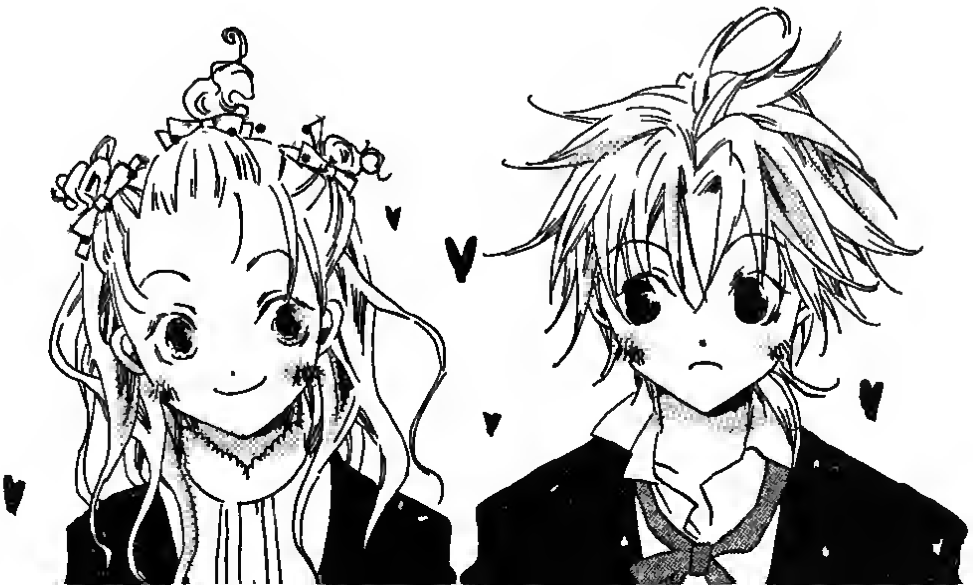
MEOW!



YOU KNOW...
...IT HAS ALWAYS DISGUSTED ME TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE WITH THE SAME FACE AS MINE...
YOU LOOKED SO MUCH LIKE ME, I JUST--
Sorry about that
OH, DID I SCARE YOU?
WH-WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY...? H-HE'S FLOATING!!
HEY...
HE DOES LOOK JUST LIKE ME.
...BUT YOU'RE THE FIRST...
...WHO'S RESEMBLED ME SO MUCH AND YET IS A COMPLETE DOLT.
I GET ANNOYED JUST LOOKING AT YOU.
WH-WHAT ARE YOU?

ME?
I'M A DESTINY THIEF.
I LIVE BY EATING...
...HUMAN SOULS AND EXISTENCES.
AND TODAY...
...I WOULD LOVE TO PARTAKE OF YOURS.
UH... WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
SO... YOU'RE NOT HUMAN, THEN?!!
Eh?
WELL, NOT ANY-MORE.
N-NOT ANYMORE? THEN YOU USED TO BE HUMAN?
Let go.
Mana, you're annoying.
SO WHAT IF I WAS?

OKAY THEN, OKAY THEN, SINCE WE'RE BOTH HAVING A GOOD TIME...
.....
What?
AWESOME! THAT'S SO COOL!!
WHAT?
LET'S TRADE PLACES!
FOR ONE DAY.
OKAY, THEN IT'S DECIDED!
I'm borrowing this!
Quivering →
I JUST KNOW IT'LL BE FUN!
COME ON!! WHY NOT?
↖ for him.

HIROMU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?
WAIT!! MY CANE!! GIVE ME BACK MY CANE!!
WHOA! WHAT THE--?!!
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NO GOOD...
I thought straddling it would...
He planned on doing this.
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"ZU ZU"?
HEEEY!
WHOA!
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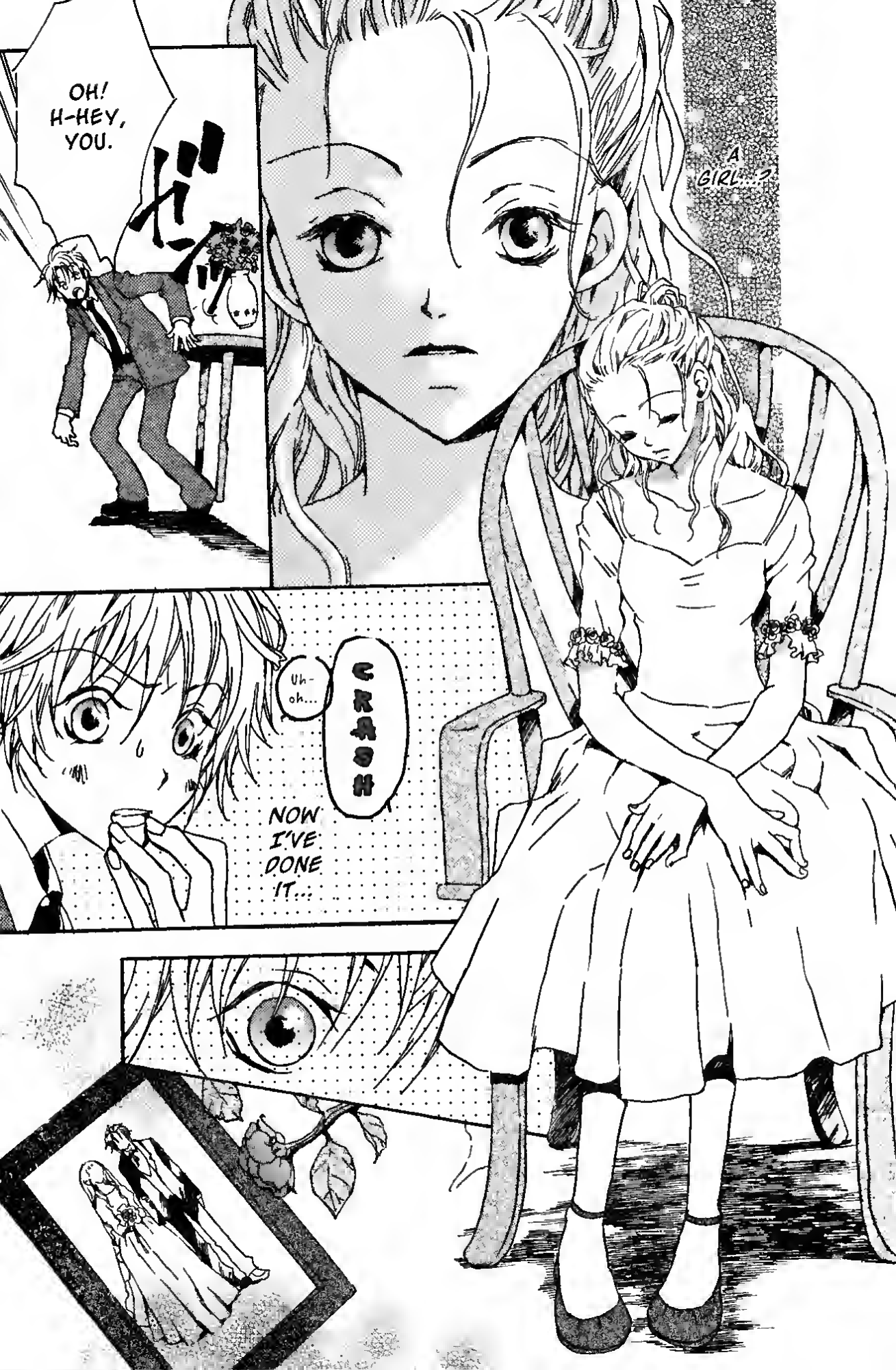
OWWW.
WHAT THE HELL...? WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHERE... ON EARTH...?
SINGING ...?


OH! H-HEY, YOU.
A GIRL...?
CRASH
Uh-oh...
NOW I'VE DONE IT...

Goodness, it's so old. Is it from the Meiji period? Maybe Taisho?
I SEE THEY'RE MARRIED.
THIS PICTURE...
STILL, THAT'S REALLY OLD...
THEN THIS GIRL ISN'T HUMAN, EITHER...
Urp... THEY DON'T LOOK THEIR AGE AT ALL.
I BROUGHT SOMETHING GOOD TODAY.
CRASH
HE SO THINKS I'M THAT GUY...
THE GATE WAS OPEN, SO I LET MYSELF IN.
WHAT'S THIS? YOU'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOUR OWN PICTURE?
IS THIS A FRIEND OF HIS?

HEY, UH, WHAT'S THIS?
YOU HAVE EYES, USE THEM.
Domph.
EH? WHAT? WHAT'S IT--?
Oof.
WAAHH!!

AWW.
Eeeep.
AAARGH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THEY ALL ESCAPED.
"BEST BATCH" ...?
Oh dear, oh dear.
AND THAT WAS THE BEST BATCH I'VE WHIPPED UP SO FAR!
FROM VICIOUS CRIMINALS TO CELEBRITIES, GOOD PEOPLE, BAD PEOPLE, ECCENTRICS...
THAT'S RIGHT!!
...I COULD'VE SWORN THIS WOULD BE THE ONE TO RESTORE VALERIANA'S PHYSICAL STRENGTH.
WITH THIS EXQUISITE CONCOCTION...

WELL, "THAT" WAS A BRILLIANT ATTEMPT.
SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD HELP SOMEONE?
WHAT ...?
BUT, I GUESS THERE'S NO POINT ARGUING ABOUT IT.
"SOMETHING LIKE THAT"?! HOW RUDE.
I'LL JUST TRY AGAIN.
THEY'RE REALLY GOOD.
WHAT ABOUT OMELET RICE? OR GYUDON?
HEY... DON'T YOU LIKE HAMBURGERS AND STUFF?
TO LIVE...
YOU GUYS EAT THAT STUFF.
I SEE...

AAARGH! I'M SO HUNGRY!!
GRUMBLE
OH NO! I MADE MYSELF HUNGRY!
Nngh... Oh yeah, isn't it dinnertime?
I HAD A GREAT HELPER TODAY!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO EAT, HIROMU?
If you don't, too naughty! ♡
I-I'M EATING.
I can't use these.
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING...?
THAT WAS LUCKY...
I made him carry the grocer ery! ♡
I BUMPED INTO HIROMU ON MY WAY HOME FROM THE GROCERY STORE
Ha Ha Ha
Forced to change clothes

GOOD?
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN... SINCE I'VE CONSUMED FOOD LIKE THIS?
...SURE.
HEY... DON'T YOU GET HUNGRY?
YOU'VE ONLY HAD HUMAN SOULS?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED?
AREN'T YOU... LONELY?

I'D HATE IT, IF IT WERE ME.
AAARGH!
I'M HUNGRY!! I WANT TO TAKE A BATH!!
I WANT TO GO HOME...
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IT'S WARM...
I'D FORGOTTEN... THIS FEELING...
BORING...
BORING... HUH?
THIS IS HIS BOREDOM...

HUMANS CAN DIE FROM AN ACT AS SIMPLE AS THIS...
SUCH WEAKLINGS.
I DID IT ON PURPOSE.
THAT'S NOT HOW YOU TAKE A BATH.

OH.
MY CANE!!
EH?
ANYWAY, GIVE ME BACK MY CANE.
SHEESH..
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
DIDN'T DO ANYTHING YOU'D REGRET, DID YOU?
WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! HOW?!!
UMM, I WENT TO YOUR HOUSE.
NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT, BUT...

I DON'T KNOW...! THE CANE PULLED ME SOMEWHERE AND NEXT THING I KNEW... I WAS THERE.
AND I OPENED THIS ONE DOOR AND IT WAS CONNECTED TO HERE.
THE CANE DID?
ON ITS OWN?
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
R-REALLY...
HEY, IS THAT GIRL YOUR--
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
THEN... WAS IT VALERIANA?!
HA!
SHE... LOOKED KIND OF LONELY...
I WAS WONDERING WHAT YOU WERE GETTING AT.
US? LONELY...?
PERISH THE THOUGHT.

WE HAVE EACH OTHER FOR ALL ETERNITY.
I CAST OFF MY HUMANITY...
...AND GAINED IMMORTALITY.
WE PLEDGED OUR ETERNAL LOVE—UNCHANGING—WITH NO FEAR OF AN END...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW, BUT I...
HMMM.
THAT'S NOT... QUITE IT.
NOT IT?
SO YOU LIKE IT THAT MUCH?
THE CONSTANT FEAR OF DEATH?
HUMANS, COVERED WITH FLAWS...

HEY! WHERE'RE YOU GOING?!!
HOME.
WHAT?
RELAX.
I'LL GET YOU WHEN I FEEL LIKE IT.
JUST WHENEVER I FEEL LIKE IT.
NEVER KNOWING WHEN I'LL ATTACK...
...GO LIVE IN FEAR...
...OF A REAL DEATH...

ALL RIGHT, BREAK!!
YOU'VE BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD LATELY, HIROMU.
EH? HOW'D YOU KNOW?
HEY, HEY, NOW, ARE YOU SERIOUS, DUDE?!
HMMM... COULD IT BE YOU'VE FALLEN FOR A CHICK?

WHAT'S HER NAME?
I AM, I AM!!
YOU GONNA TELL HER?
HER NAME'S NATSUMI KOTARU!!
"WHY," HE ASKS... YOUR LIFE IS IN MY HANDS, YOU KNOW.
YOU'RE LIKE A PATIENT WITH SOME TERMINAL DISEASE-- YOU COULD DIE AT ANY MOMENT.
WHY?
YOU ARE STUPID, AREN'T YOU?

BUT YOU'RE STILL GOING TO TELL A GIRL YOU LIKE HER?
THAT'S PRETTY STUPID.
IF I FELT LIKE IT, I COULD...
...ERASE YOU RIGHT NOW.
THAT'S WHY I'M DOING WHAT I CAN NOW!!
Shut up!
I don't wanna take this crap from you!
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BUT...
THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS I'VE LEARNED THANKS TO YOU.
I LEARNED THAT THERE'S REALLY NO SUCH THING AS BOREDOM.
I HATE YOU.
YOU SUCK!!
I'M A LITTLE... GRATEFUL ...

HUH.
GRATEFUL?
YOU'RE A COOL CUSTOMER, AREN'T YOU?
HMPH. ACTING TOUGH WILL DO YOU NO GOOD.
YOU'RE REALLY VERY SCARED... YOU CAN'T STAND IT, CAN YOU?
IF YOU LIKE... I COULD MAKE YOU ONE OF US.
JUST ADMIT YOUR FEAR OF DEATH.
IF YOU DO, I WOULDN'T MIND MAKING YOU IMMORTAL.

IT'S NOT ETERNITY...
WHAT YOU HAVE ISN'T ETERNITY!!
WHAT DO YOU KN--
I DO KNOW!!
I CAN TELL!! FROM LOOKING AT YOUR GIRLFRIEND!!

DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND?
BUT YOU DO KNOW, DON'T YOU?
BE QUIET.
RIGHT? YOU DO KNOW!
BE QUIET!
SHUT UP!
SHUT UP!!
SHUT UP!!!

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
UGH...
UGGHH!
AAAAAUGH!!
AAAAAAAUGHH!!

TH-THUMP
AAAAAUGHHH!!
TH-THUMP
WHY DID HE HAVE SUCH INTENSITY IN HIS EYES?
WHY DID HE DENY MY ETER-NITY?!
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
WHY?!
WHY?!
WHY?!
WHY?!

I BOUGHT A NEW VIDEO-GAME TODAY. WANNA COME?
HEY! HIROMU!
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE...?
You're right.
ISN'T THAT HIROMU?
YO.
OKAY, I'LL GO CHANGE. HOLD ON A SEC!!
カラン
YEAH!
TOTALLY!!
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I'M SORRY... I WAS GONE FOR SO LONG.

NOT EVEN FOR A MOMENT, I...

I WON'T LEAVE YOU ALONE.

I WAS JEALOUS...

I'M SORRY.

I'M SO SORRY.

★SCENE 4★END

SOMEHOW OR OTHER, I'VE MANAGED TO WORK AS A MANGA ARTIST.

HOW HAS EVERYONE BEEN?

'Ello. I am Yuana Kazumi.

THIS IS MY FIRST MANGA SINCE EXACTLY ONE YEAR AFTER MY VERY FIRST VOLUME OF MANGA CAME OUT.

SO THIS TIME, I'LL TALK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE...

AND THEY'RE GOING TO RELEASE BOTH PARTS OF THE SERIES AT THE SAME TIME, SO I THINK I'LL RAMBLE ON ABOUT THE SERIES IN PART TWO.

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I'm grateful to the editorial department challenger, Inagami!!

THE NEXT THING I KNEW, THIS PIECE, WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO END IN ONE VOLUME, BECAME A TWO VOLUME SERIES...!!!

Oooh

TREMBLE TREMBLE

Part one

Part two

TO MAKE A LIVING, I WAS WORKING PART-TIME AS AN OFFICE CLERK...

IT HAPPENED RIGHT AFTER MY DEBUT...

Eeeeeh? They want me to calculate this?

Ha ha ha ha

(Snapped)

Dangerous due to lack of sleep.

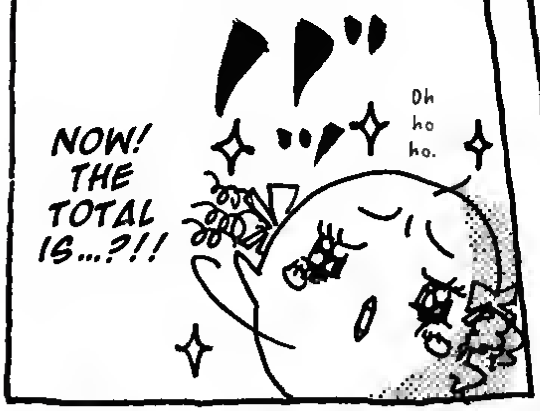
A meaningless mountain of numbers.

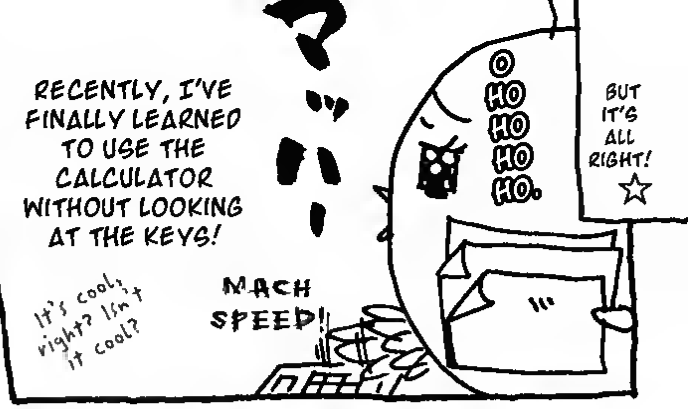
I THINK I'LL TALK ABOUT AN EPISODE (IT'S EMBARRASSING!) OF MY CARELESSNESS THAT'S ALSO MENTIONED IN MY PROFILE!

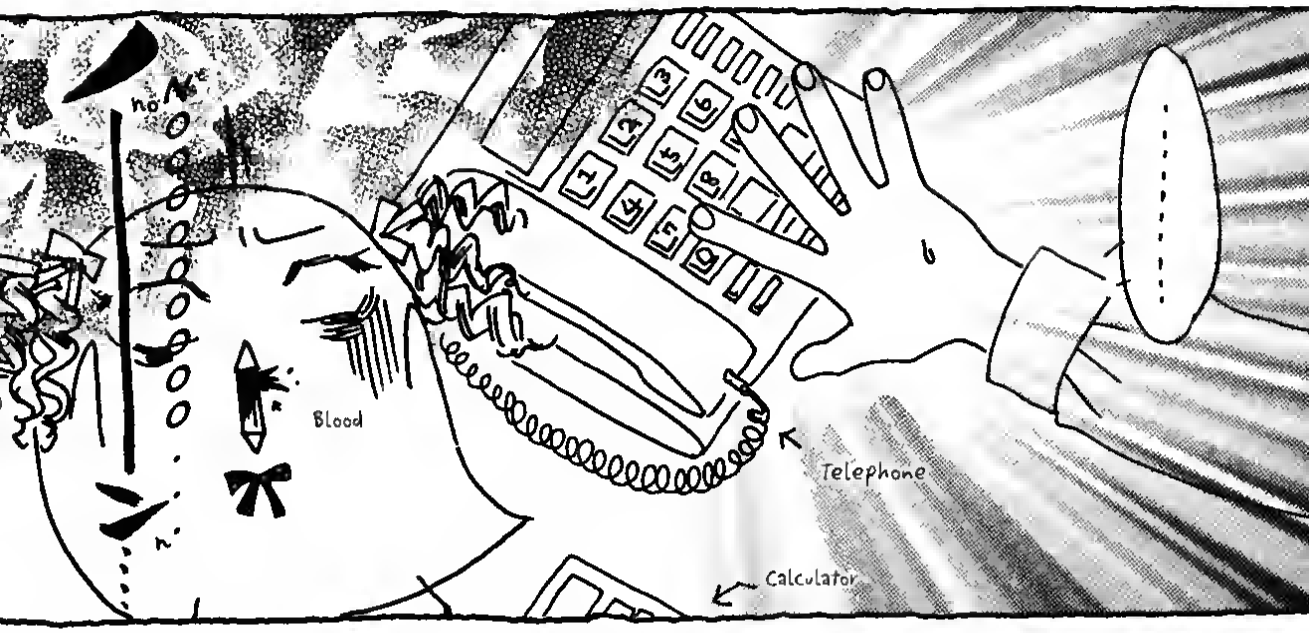
And so...

Yay!

It's okay. I'm a masochist.




RECENTLY, I'VE FINALLY LEARNED TO USE THE CALCULATOR WITHOUT LOOKING AT THE KEYS!
It's cool, right? Isn't it cool?
MACH SPEED!
O HO HO HO HO.
BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT! ☆



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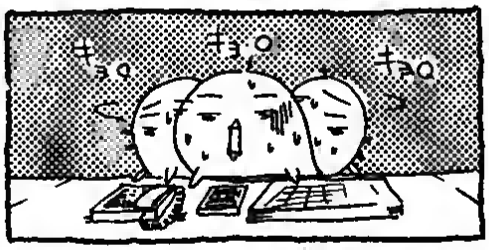
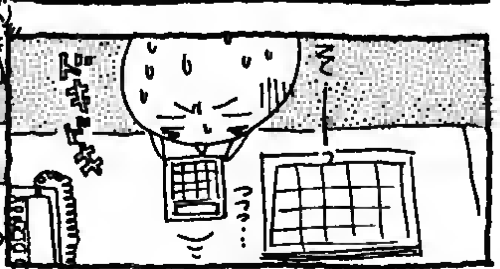
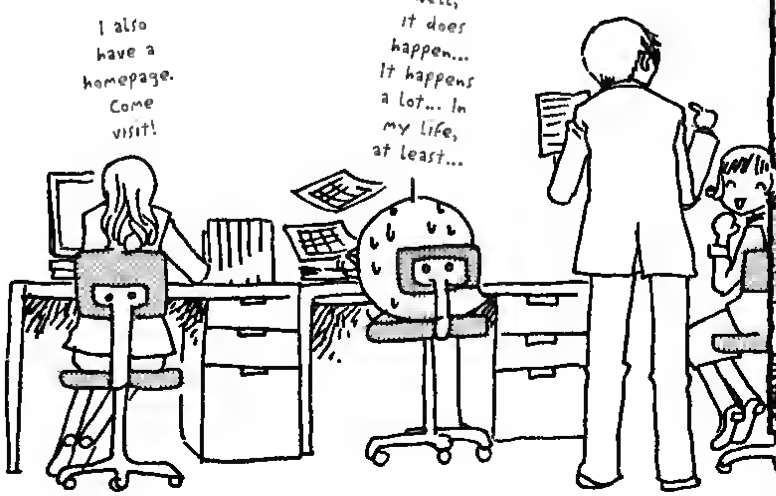


LACK OF SLEEP IS A SCARY THING. A FRIGHTENING THING.



THE END. THIS HAS BEEN MY EMBARRASSING STORY.



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